

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The image forming apparatus has an image bearing member bearing an image thereon, and a transfer member contacting with the image bearing member in a contact portion, the image on the image bearing member is transferred to a transfer medium in the contact portion by the transfer member, the Young's modulus of the image bearing member is equal to or greater than  $2 \times 10^8$  [N/m<sup>2</sup>] and equal to or less than  $9 \times 10^9$  [N/m<sup>2</sup>] and contact pressure P between the image bearing member and the transfer member is equal to or greater than  $4.0 \times 10^4$  [N/m<sup>2</sup>] and equal to or less than  $7.3 \times 10^4$  [N/m<sup>2</sup>]. Thereby, there is provided an image forming apparatus which prevents the deterioration of an image even if use is made of an image bearing member of high hardness.